

Indiana Department of Education
Office of Student Services
Indiana School Safety Specialist Academy (ISSSA)

Academy update on compliance with IC 5-2-10.1-12
Presented to the Indiana State Board of Education on November 2, 2005

1. ***Health in Action***, May/June 2005 issue – “*Bullying in the School Community: Everyone has a role to play in preventing bullying*” was purchased and mailed to all superintendents, principals and school safety specialists.
2. ISSSA will collaborate with IPLA [Indiana Principals Leadership Academy], IASP [Indiana Association of School Principals], and Butler University for bullying prevention trainings in November, 2005. IPLA Live will carry information to school principals.
3. ISSSA will host a one-day bullying prevention session open to all school members on November 21, 2005. See Flier http://doe.state.in.us/issas/pdf/new_bullying-terror-seminar.pdf. Also will have our first parent "training" on bullying prevention. Flier: http://www.doe.state.in.us/issas/pdf/new_eyes-of-a-child.pdf
4. Developed a resource folder of bullying prevention programs and resources. This resource guide will be downloaded from the Academy website at: <http://www.doe.state.in.us/issas>. It was mailed to all superintendents, principals, and school safety specialists.
5. Utilizing the IDOE and Office of Student Services' on-line professional development, the Academy staff will routinely send information regarding bullying prevention.
6. The Academy website is being updated and re-formatted for school personnel, students, and parents seeking bullying prevention information. The website will also include bullying prevention videos appropriate for a building principal to play during a staff meeting.
7. The Academy staff met with the ESC [Educational Service Center] Program Coordinators. We will co-host meetings in each of the Educational Service Center districts with the superintendents to discuss the bully law. Regional trainings on bullying prevention will also be conducted through the Centers.
8. We are supporting a cadre of state experts in bullying prevention who are available at no cost for staff development sessions. They will support the numerous presentations already given by Gina Woodward, Scott Eales and Clarissa Snapp to various groups such as IPLA, ISTA; superintendent study councils; state conferences of social workers, school psychologists, counselors, etc.; during school district administrative and teacher retreats; Notre Dame, Butler University; IUPUI; and a number of school districts during their PBA days.
9. Piloted the Olweus Bullying Prevention Program in Indiana's schools. Indiana hosted a statewide training of trainers in February, 2005. Fourteen school personnel across the state began the process to become nationally certified

Olweus bullying prevention trainers. Ten trainers will receive compensation from the IDOE to train at least four schools over the next two years. Four other trainers are available statewide to train schools wishing to adopt the Olweus program. Indiana was one of only a few states to host the Clemson University Olweus BBP trainers.

10. The on-line (EIO...Educational Impact Online...www.eionline.net) training for Basic school safety specialists(*) was updated this summer. Modules on bullying and threat assessment were added.
11. Have supplied (and will continue to supply) bullying prevention videos, training materials, power-points to all nine Education Service Centers for their lending libraries. Materials are on the topic of bullying and violence prevention in schools.
12. Provided up-to-date bullying prevention information at all Academy trainings. Training attendees receive the most current and best resources on the topics of bullying and violence prevention. New sessions on cyber-bullying and on-line child predators will be added in the Fall of 2005.
13. Provided bullying prevention leaflets and brochures for the IDOE booth at the Indiana State Fair, the Indiana State Teachers Association leadership conference, and to various professional organizations requesting materials for registration packets.

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(*)Student Services Director note: All school corporations in the state of Indiana have an appointed School Safety Specialist]

Attachments:

1. Olweus Bullying Prevention Program
2. ISSSA conference agenda for November 21, 2005: "Bullying and Terrorism in Schools: A Prevention Seminar"